

BOSTON, MASS.
GLOBE

Approved For Release 2000/08/03 : CIA-RDP75-0

OCT 27 1963

in. 194,870
S. 465,653

Front Page Edit Page Other Page
OCT 27 1963

Date:

Ex-CIA Agent Tips U.S. Policy

By BARNARD L. COLLIER and WILLIAM HADDAD

The question of just who speaks with the voice of the United States Government—accredited diplomats or “mysterious Americans”—arose to torpedo ticklish off-the-record negotiations in the tense Dominican Republic.

This same type of question, however, has cropped up time and again in the past, perhaps most dramatically in the U-2 incident of 1960, and more recently, in South Viet Nam.

This time, the “mysterious” was sent down under instructions although none can reveal from whom.

The threat of Reed's behind-the-scenes activities pushed

Spencer King into a near-disasterous meeting with the

ruling junta's Vice President

Manuel Tavares Espillat two

weeks ago.

How “former” no one in Washington was willing to say. But U.S. diplomats in Santo Domingo feared—with good reason—that while they were pressing for a quick return to constitutional government there, a retired marine colonel named Lear Reed was assuring the junta regime that it could ignore the diplomats' warnings and still get U.S. recognition in a matter of days.

Insisting that he is now merely a “writer” with no government connections at all, Col Reed staunchly denies that on his recent visit to the Dominican Republic he was anything more than a tourist seeing old friends who now happen to run the junta government.

Official sources in Wash-

(Boston Globe-N.Y. Herald Tribune)

STATINTL

CPYRGHT